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Don R. Hill, Chief, Development Section Leasing & Development Branch, Mining Division November 4, 1957

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CERTIFICATION OF THE AMPET CLAIM GROUP, LITTLE COLORADO MINING DISTRICT, APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA (APPLICATION NO. B-1656)

MD:MVH

#### Abstract:

Ampet Corporation submitted the application captioned above on October 7, 1957. The field examination was made on October 25, 1957.

The application includes 4 tracts (Claim Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30) of 45.4 acres each located on unsurveyed land in the Navajo Indian Reservation. The applicant holds a Navajo lease on the property.

The property was operating at the time of examination by Ampet Corporation. Production was at the rate of 150 tons per month at a grade of .25% U308.

Qualifying shipment was made to Rare Metal's mill at Tuba City, Arizona in September, 1957.

Potentially, the property will probably work out much more than a bonus. There is no reason to doubt that the estimated 15,000 tons will be recovered.

The Ampet Claim Group as outlined herein is recommended for certification as eligible to receive bonus payments on the full 10,000 pounds of U308 produced.

#### Introduction:

Application for certification of the Ampet Claim Group dated October 3, 1957, was received from Ampet Corporation, 523 Colorado Building, Denver 2, Colorado on October 7, 1957, and was assigned the number B-1656.

The writer, accompanied by Cal Mittry, Field Manager for Ampet made the field examination on October 25, 1957.

Ampet is currently in the process of obtaining leases on 2 other groups of 2 claims each in the vicinity. All are located within tract 1, a Navajo Designation set up for bid purposes.

### Status of the Land:

The Ampet Claim Group lies in whole or in part in unsurveyed sections 20, 21 and 28, T 33 N, R 23 E, in the Black Mountain area of the Little Colorado Mining District, in Amache County, Arizona on the Navajo Indian Reservation.

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The mine may be reached from Salina Trading Post by driving north toward Cottonwood Wash in the following manner:

Actual Mileage	Accumulative Mileage	Directions
0.0	0.0	Leave Salina or Tselina T.P.
4.0	4.0	Turn left at intersection of main roads.
0.8	4.8	Pass Cottonwood school.
4.5	9.3	Turn right at Tah Chee school sign.
0.1	9.4	Continue straight ahead.
2.3	11.7	Continue straight ahead.
0.3	12.0	Pass old coal mine on right.
6.5	18.5	Continue straight ahead.
5.7	24.2	Keep left.
0.1	24.3	Pass Tah Chee school.
0.2	24.5	Keep left.
0.8	25.3	Keep right
0.2	25.5	Arrive at Camp.

The mine is on the bluff above and north of the camp and can easily be seen from the camp.

The appended plat was prepared by D. B. Clarke and F. R. Goodman and is tied to Lohali Point through four unidentified mineral monuments, presumably established by the Navajo tribe. The description on the permit, the assignment, and the plat agree with the tract as it is located on the ground.

Corners were all in place and consisted of  $4 \times 4$  posts set in cairns or into the ground. Internal claim lines were brushed out.

# Ownership:

Ampet first obtained a prospecting permit on the property. Mining Permits, numbers unknown, were then granted to the four Indians involved, and assigned to Ampet Corporation, effective June 11, 1957. The assignment of the Mining Permits was then superseded by Lease No. 14-20-603-3183 on Claim No. 27, (Tachine Yazzie No. 1) and No. 29, (Etsiddy Bitsie No. 1); Lease No. 14-20-603-3184 on Claim No. 28, (Charlie James No. 1), and Lease No. 14-20-603-3185 on Claim No. 30, (Deswood Etsiddy No. 1), all located on Tract No. 1 in the Black Mountain area. These leases all became effective on September 13, 1957, and are subject to the standard terms, conditions, and royalties adopted and accepted by the Navajo Tribe and the Bureau of Indian affairs.

Ampet Corporation made the initial shipment as owner of the leases above; and so has the right to apply for certification.

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Adjacent properties are Claim No. 16, (Tachine Yazzie No. 2) and Claim No. 15, (Frank Begay No. 1) located about a half mile to the east across Burnt Corn Wash and Claim No. 25, (Tom Morgan No. 6) and Claim No. 26, (Henry Yazzie No. 6,) about a half mile northeast. Although Ampet will probably obtain leases on these two groups as well, the leases have not been awarded as of this writing.

No conflicts were noted either on the ground or in the Navajo records at Window Rock. Originally an estimated six sets of tracts were staked on this land on the same day, so in order to eliminate the confusion of trying to decide who was entitled to the land, it was withdrawn by the Navajo Tribe and put out on a bid-lease basis. Ampet Corporation was apparent high bidder on Tract 1.

# Production:

Don R. Hill

The property was being operated at the time of examination. Production is at the average rate of 500 tons per month assaying .25% U308.

Qualifying production consisting of 24 dry tons assaying .12% U308, .13% V205, and .06% CaCO3, was shipped to Rare Metal's mill at Tuba City, Arizona in September, 1957.

The operation employs 3 men and one supervisor on 1 shift in mining from an open cut along the outcrop of the Toreva Member of the Mesa Verde Formation. In addition, Ampet has hired a TD 18 dozer and operator for \$13.00 per hour to strip 20 feet of overburden. It was interesting to note that the operators are keeping out the large pods of hewettite for shipment to Shiprock later.

Equipment used consists of a Gardner-Denver 500 CFM Compressor and D99 wagon drill mounted on a truck, and miscellaneous hand tools.

Future plans of the company are to continue mining the drilled out ore and begin drilling of promising areas in the near future.

Drilling already done consists of 127 holes averaging about 47 feet in depth for a total of 6000 feet. The ore lies at an average depth of 21 feet. Drilling has developed an estimated 15,000 tons of ore assaying .25% U308.

The Finance Division reports no critical period production; so the property can be certified as eligible to receive bonus payments on the full 10,000 pounds of U308 produced.

Don R. Hill

Ore	Reserve	Data:
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- 1. Formation Mesa Verde (41)
- 2. Metallurgical Type Carnotite-Hewettite
- 3. Availability

Mining A Metallurgy Apparently A Access C
4. Discovery Method Private rim show (8)

- 5. Average Drilling Depth 50 feet
- 6. Ore Reserves

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	Tons	Thickness	U308	V205	CaCO3
Indicated	50	Stockpile	.30	.50	low
Inferred	1000	3 <del>1</del>	•30	.50	low
Total	1050	3 <del>1</del>	.30	.50	low

Potential - Operator claims 15,000 tons at .25% U308. This is probably a realistic figure.

- 7. Ownership or Control Private (30)
- 8. Delivery Point Tuba City (13) may become non-amenable at Tuba City because of vanadium content.

## Recommendations:

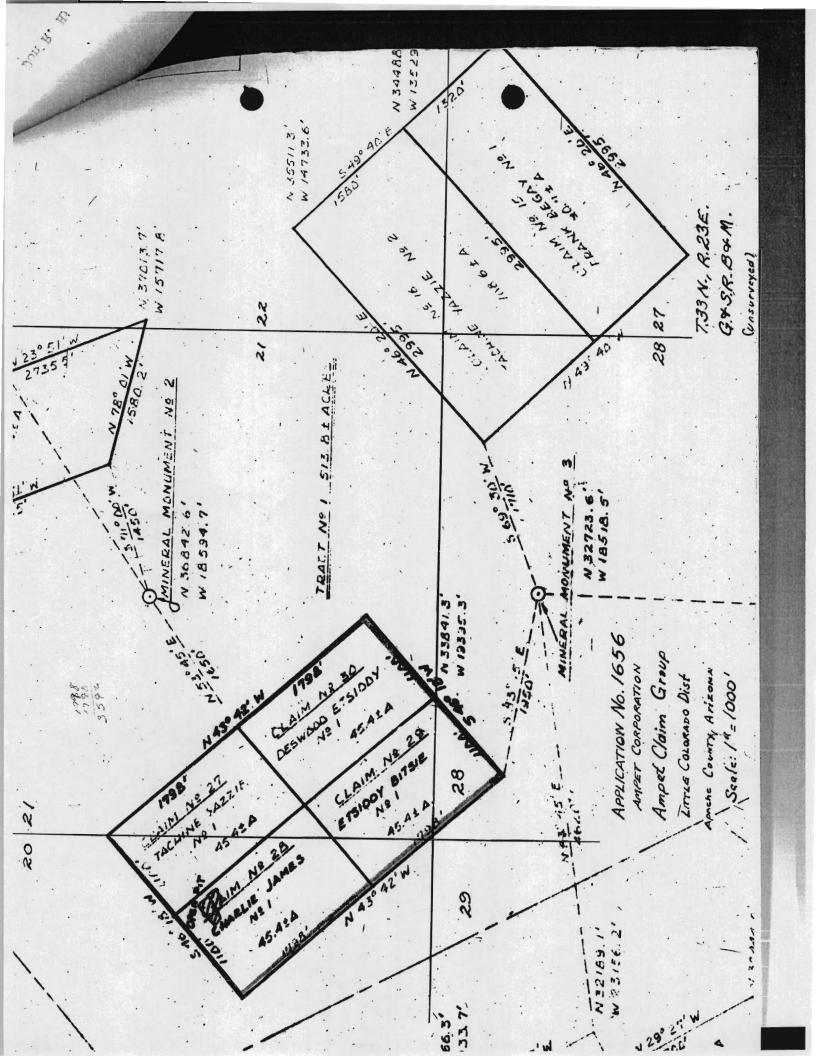
The Ampet Claim Group is recommended for certification as eligible to receive Circular 6 bonus payments on the first 10,000 pounds of U308 produced.

The recommended unit consists of:

Claim No. 27 (Tachine Yazzie No. 1) as described in Navajo Tribal Mining Lease No. Cont. 14-20-603-3183.

Claim No. 28 (Charlie James No. 1) as described in Navajo Tribal Mining Lease No. Cont. 14-20-603-3184.

November 4, 1957 Don R. Hill -5-Claim No. 29 (Etsiddy Bitsie No. 1) as described in Navajo Tribal Mining Lease No. Cont. 14-20-603-3183. Claim No. 30 ( Deswood Etsiddy No. 1) as described in Navajo Tribal Mining Lease No. Cont. 14-20-603-3185. The other claims, 15, 16, 25, 26, located in Tract 1, will probably be acquired by lease by the applicant, but because the leases have not yet been granted, they are not included in this recommendation. If circumstances warrant, they may be added or granted a separate certification when Ampet has produced from them and applied for certification. Certification of the unit outlined above will satisfy the purpose and intent of Circular 6. cc: ERGordon, ED MVHansen, MD Ingles Gay, Grants



# RECURRING VISITS TO CERTIFIED PROPERTIES

Group Name	Ampet		Certification 1	No. 977
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Location: Apache Arizona State	Districts Little Colorado
Date of Visit November 5, 1958	Examining EngineerW. L. Chenoweth
Eligible Balance from last IRM Shears Poid	out - Final visit.

Remar's: (Should include anything of interest about the property covering briefly such things as changes in ownership, present production, etc.)

No activity, no sign of recent activity. Access, road up mesa to mine impassable. No equipment on property. Pit and adits flooded. Company reportedly moved out late in June and doesn't plan to return.Considerable low-grade ore (.10 - .15% U308) remains on property.

Have you seen anything to lead you to suspect fraudulent collection of bonus:

Yes X No

If the answer is yes - explain.

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# PAID-OUT CERTIFICATION

Cer	tification No. C-977	
All	eligible production bonus	on this certification has been paid.
Per	notification from Finance	Division dated April 28, 1958

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# VERIFICATION OF PRODUCTION RECORD APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

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# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF A MINING PROPERTY

6. Production since February 28, 1951.

Total Dry Tons Total Pounds U<sub>3</sub>0<sub>8</sub>

- 7. Please furnish a plat showing all locations or tracts under this same ownership and/or operational control which are contiguous or closely situated (within ½ mile of one another). Said plat should be on a scale of 1" = 1000' or larger (i.e., 1" = 800', 1" = 600', etc.) and should show the relation of the claim pattern with respect to the public land survey and claims of other ownership which overlap. It need not be prepared by a registered engineer or surveyor; however, the signature of the applicant must appear on the plat.
- 8. Please furnish a complete abstract of the public record as it pertains to each claim shown on the plat (locations, amendments and conveyances, etc.). This need not be prepared by a certified abstractor; however, the person who makes the abstract should certify that it is accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge.
  - 1. Original Exploration and Prospecting Permit (July 13, 1956) effective date

Assignment of Permit effective (June 11, 1957)

- 3. Lease Nos. 14-20-603-3183, 3184 and 3185 effective date (Sept. 13, 1957).
- 4. Lease No. 14-20-603-3183 covers claim Nos. 27 and 29 Lease No. 14-20-603-3184 covers claim No. 28 Lease No. 14-20-603-3185 covers claim No. 30

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Re: CERTIFICATION OF THE AMPET GROUP, APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA (APPLICATION NO. 1656) that thinking

#### Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your application dated October 3, 1957, requesting certification of Ampet Nos. 27 through 30 for bomus payments under the provisions of Domestic Uranium Program Circular 6.

This will serve as notification that the captioned application has been reviewed and the following described property is hereby certified as a unit eligible for bonus payments:

Claim No. 27 (Tachine Yazzie No. 1) as described in Navajo Tribal Mining Lease No. Cont. 14-20-603-3183. co: Bureau of Indian Affairs

Claim No. 28 (Charlie James No. 1) as described in Navajo Tribal Mining Lease No. Cont. 14-20-603-3184.

Claim No. 29 (Etsiddy Bitsie No. 1) as described in Nevajo Tribal Mining Lease No. Cont. 14-20-603-3183.

Claim No. 30 (Deswood Etsiddy No. 1) as described in Navajo Tribal Mining Lease No. Cont. 14-20-603-3185.

Adjacent claims may be added to this unit at the discretion of the Commission if they come under the same control as those listed above.

The above property is situated in unsurveyed Sections 20, 21 and 28, T 33 N: R 23 E, GASREN, Little Colorado Mining District, Apache County. Arizona.

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Form AEC-318 (Rev. 9-53)

Ampet Corporation December 2, 1957 Production records show that no UgOS was produced from this property between April 9, 1948, and February 28, 1951, inclusive. Therefore, bonus payments will be made on each pound of U308 up to and including the first 10,000 pounds contained in ores mined from this property and accepted by a qualified mill or Commission ore-buying station between March 1, 1951, and March 31, 1960, inclusive. Such cres are eligible to receive bonus payments in the order of their dates of settlement, so that it is possible that previous chimments, other than yours, are eligible. The cortification number you will use in making application for bonus payment is D.U.P.C6-C-977. In addition, please refer to the tract from which the ore was shipped as well as the group name, if any. Several copies of an "Application for Bonus Payment" form are enclosed for listing each month's production since March 1, 1951. Very truly yours, R. H. Toole, Chief Leasing & Development Branch Mining Division Enclosure: AEC-300 (6 sets) cc: Bureau of Indian Affairs Ingles Cay, Grants D. B. Hutto, FD Ore Reserves, ED Ciesiel Hangen

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# AMPET CORPORATION

523 Colorado Building Denver 2, Colorado



October 4, 1957

United States ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION Grand JunctionOperations Office Grand Junction, Colorado

Attn: R. H. Toole, Chief
Leasing and Development Branch
Mining Division

Re: MD:MVH

Dear Mr. Toole:

We are enclosing herewith the completed Application For Certification of Mining Property which you mailed to us October hat, 1957, along with a Plat of the location of the Property.

If any further information is needed please feel free to write.

Our Mr. K. S. Mittry, who has charge of the operations has his camp set up near the property and is presently mining ore and shipping it to the Tuba City Mill.

Very truly yours,

AMPET CORPORATION

Alfred O. Brehmer, Secretary

#### U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF MINING PROPERTY

In accordance with Atomic Energy Commission Domestic Uranium Program Circular 6 (Assistance in filling out this form will be available at the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's office in Grand Junction, Colo.)

Name of applicant -	AMPET CORPORATI	ON A	EC License No.	-3618
Address 523 Color	ado Building, Den	ver 2, Colorado		
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DATE OF RECORD	COUNTY	STATE	BOOK NO.	PAGE NO.
	Apache	Arizona		

e. Title to property is patented or unpatented? (State which.) Unpatented (Indian Lease)

f. Description of location of property for verification by mining branch of Colorado Raw Materials Office,
Atomic Energy Commission.

Beginning at a point bears N83°15'W 1950' from Mineral Monument No. 3; thence N43°

42'W 3596'; thence N46°18'E 2200'; thence S43°42'E 3596'; thence S46°18'W 2200' to
point of beginning, and containing 181.6 acres, Black Mountain Area, Apache County,
Arizona.

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF MINING PROPERTY—Continued

5. Ore accepted by commission ore-buying stations or qualified uranium mills (or any other uranium ore processing plants) from property between April 9, 1948 and February 28, 1951 inclusive:

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I certify to the best of my knowledge that (1) the statements in this application are true and that (2) the total quantity of uranium oxide as contained in ore accepted by commission ore-buying stations or qualified uranium mills (or any other uranium ore processing plants) from the above described property between April 9, 1948 and February 28, 1951 inclusive, is less than 10,000 pounds.

October 3, 1957	alfred O Brehmer Seci.
(Date)	(Signature of applicant)

Misrepresentations or false statements in the application may subject the applicant to criminal penalties, under provisions of the United States Code including section 1001 of title 18. Any such offense may also disqualify the offender from receiving bonus payments.

(When completed mail to U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Colorado Raw Materials Office, P. O. Box 270, Grand Junction, Colo.)

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SPACE BELOW FOR USE BY APPLICANT, IF NECESSARY

# AMPET CORPORATION

523 Colorado Building
Denver 2, Colorado

September 27, 1957

Mr. David Baker, Director of Mining Division United States Atomic Energy Commission Grand Junction, Operations Office Grand Junction, Colorado

Dear Mr. Baker:

We are writing you with reference to having a certain Navajo Lease certified for the production bomus.

On September 13, 1957 the United States Department of the Interior favored us with a Lease, No. 14-20-603-3184, on Claim No. 28, being located in Tract No. 1, Black Mountain Area, Apache County, Arizona.

The above referred to claim was located and staked by Charlie James, Tachine Yazzie and Etsiddy Bitsie.

We have drilled out a body of ore on this Property and have already made a trial shipment to the Bare Metals Corporation of America Mill at Tuba City, Arizona and after testing the ore for amenability they entered into a contract with us for the shipment to them of 500 tons per month, subject to amendment if we can supply more ore than that.

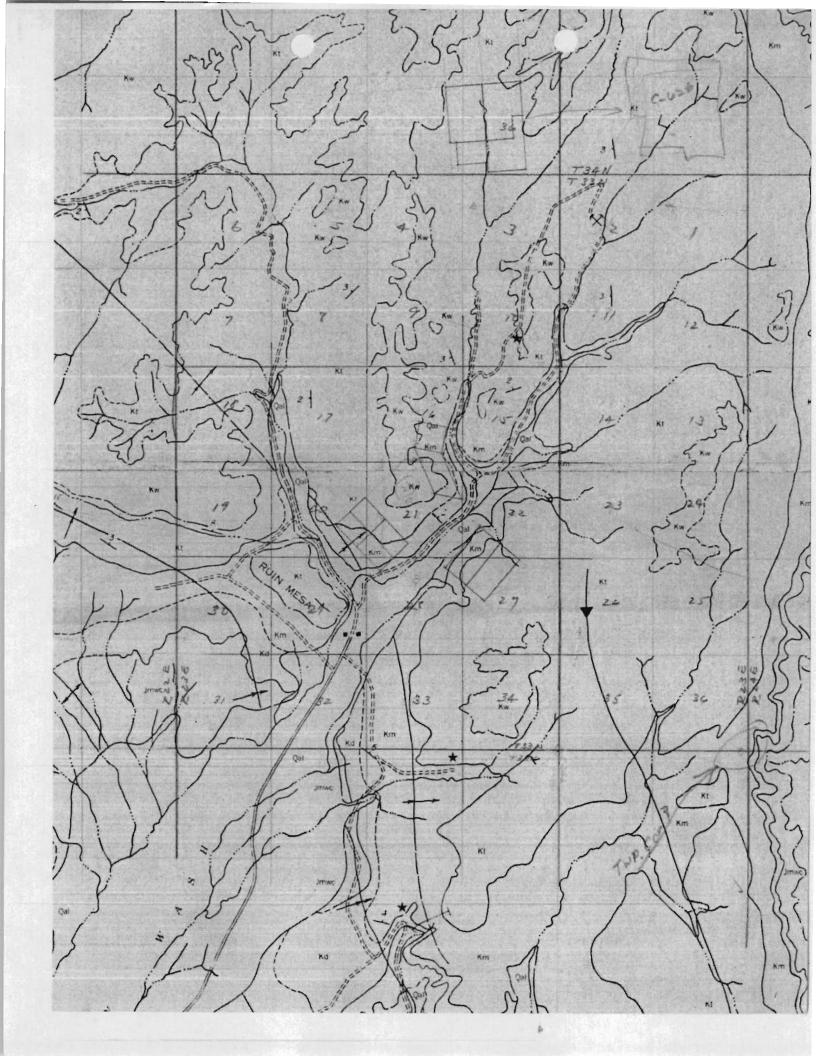
We would appreciate an early certification of this property and if their is any other information you may need regarding such, please advise.

Mr. K. S. Mittry is the person in charge of operations at the property and has his camp set up adjacent to the claim.

Very truly yours,

AMPET CORPORATION

Alfred O. Brehmer, Secretary



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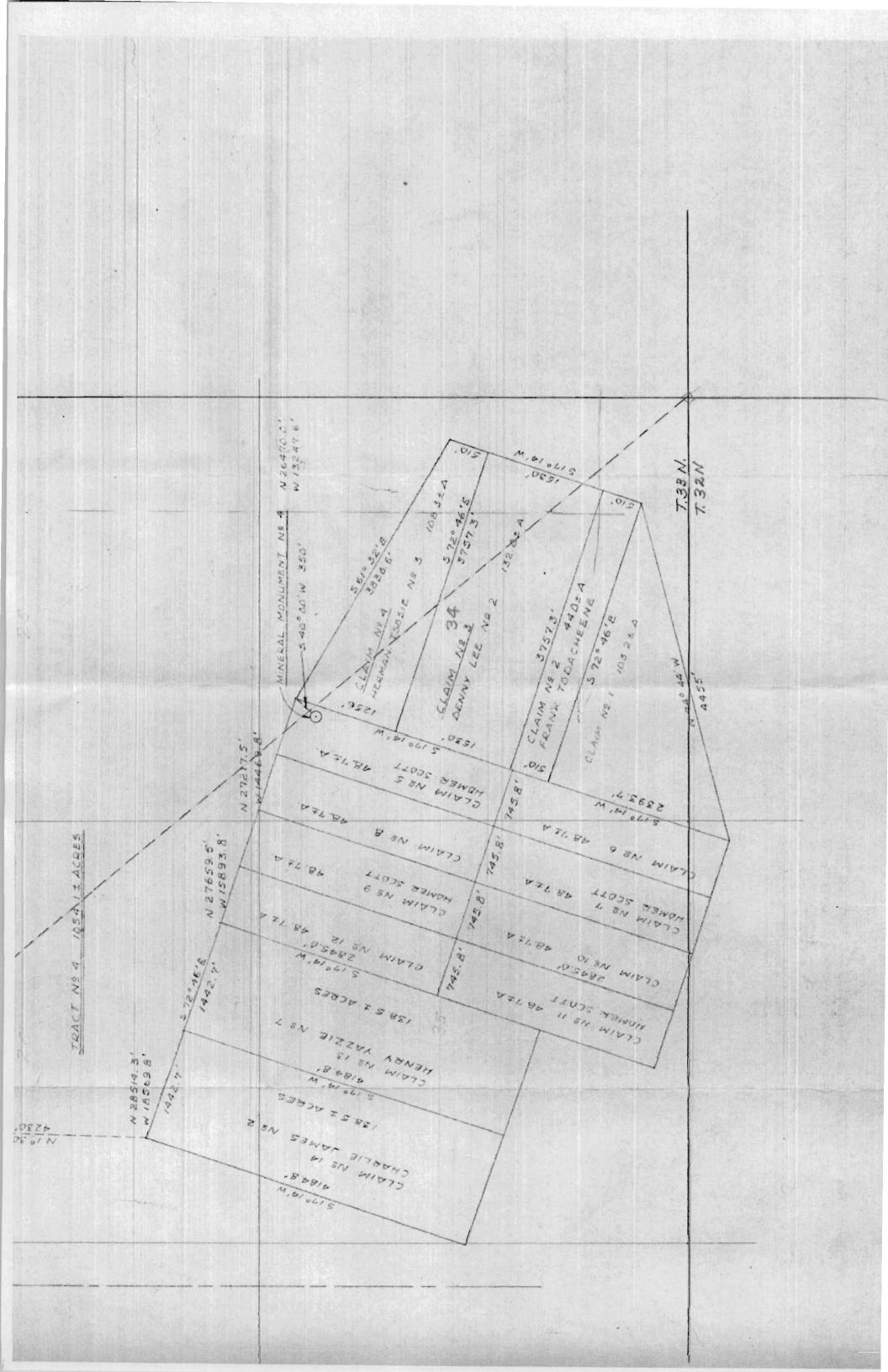
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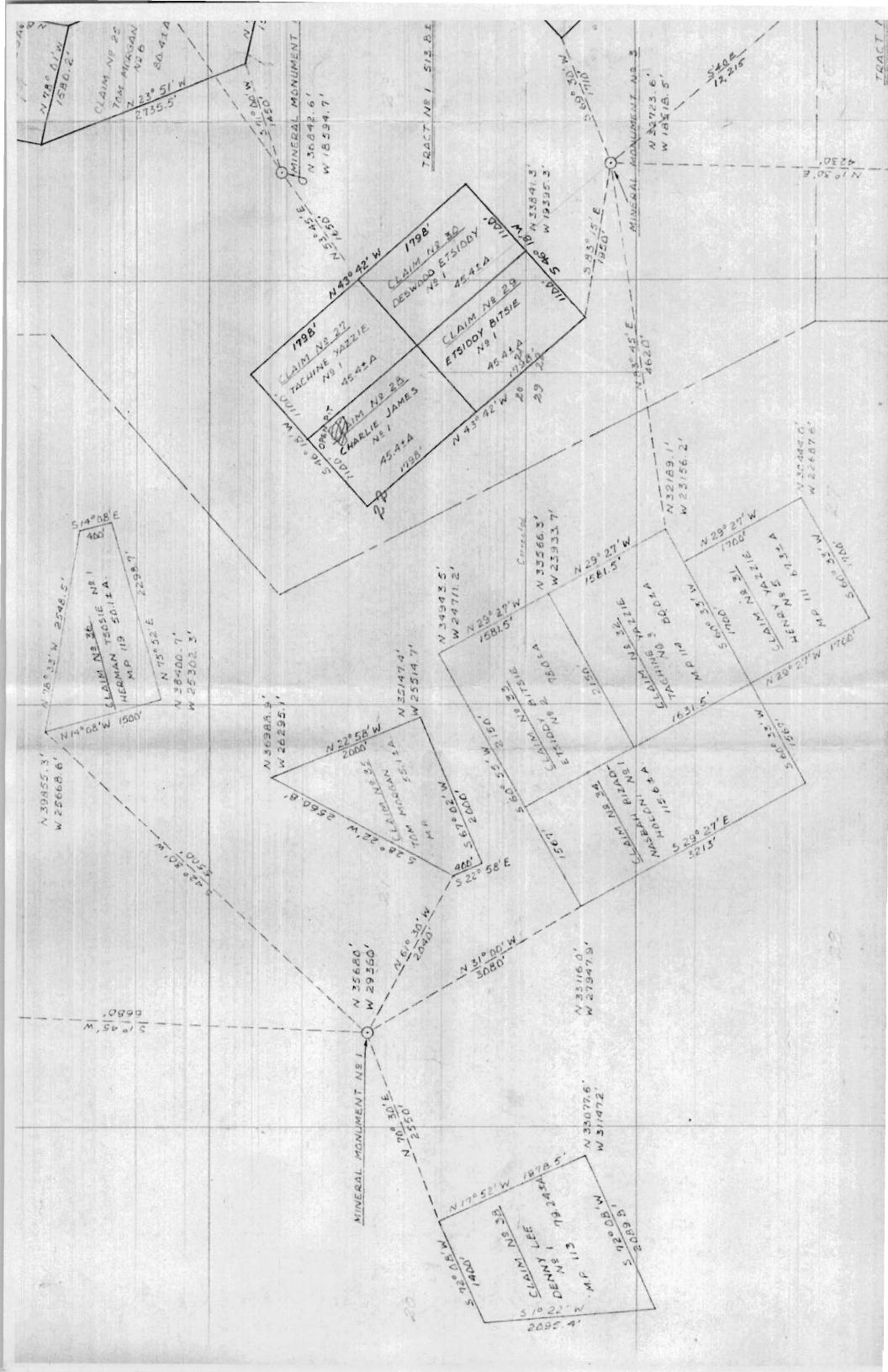
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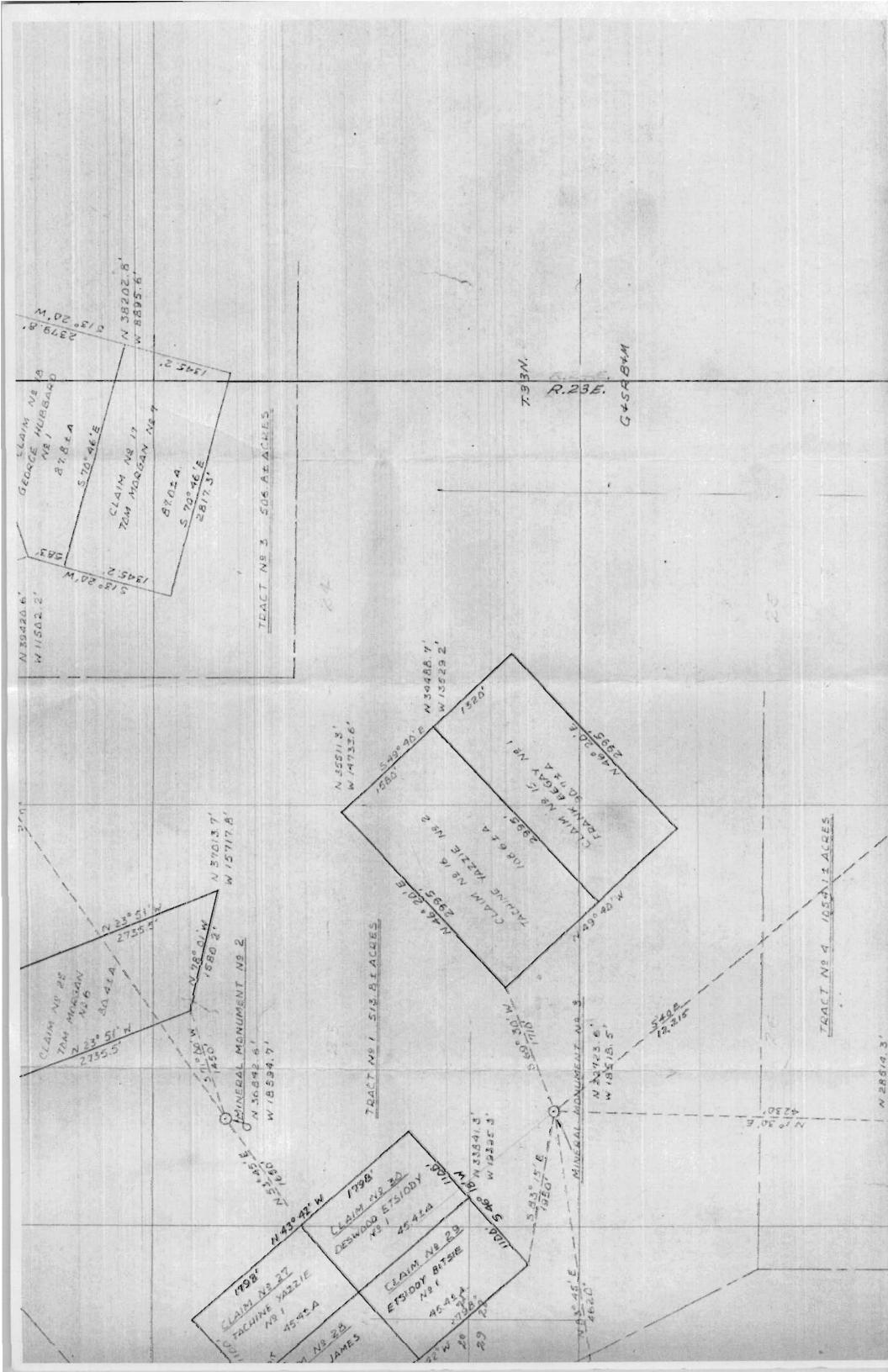
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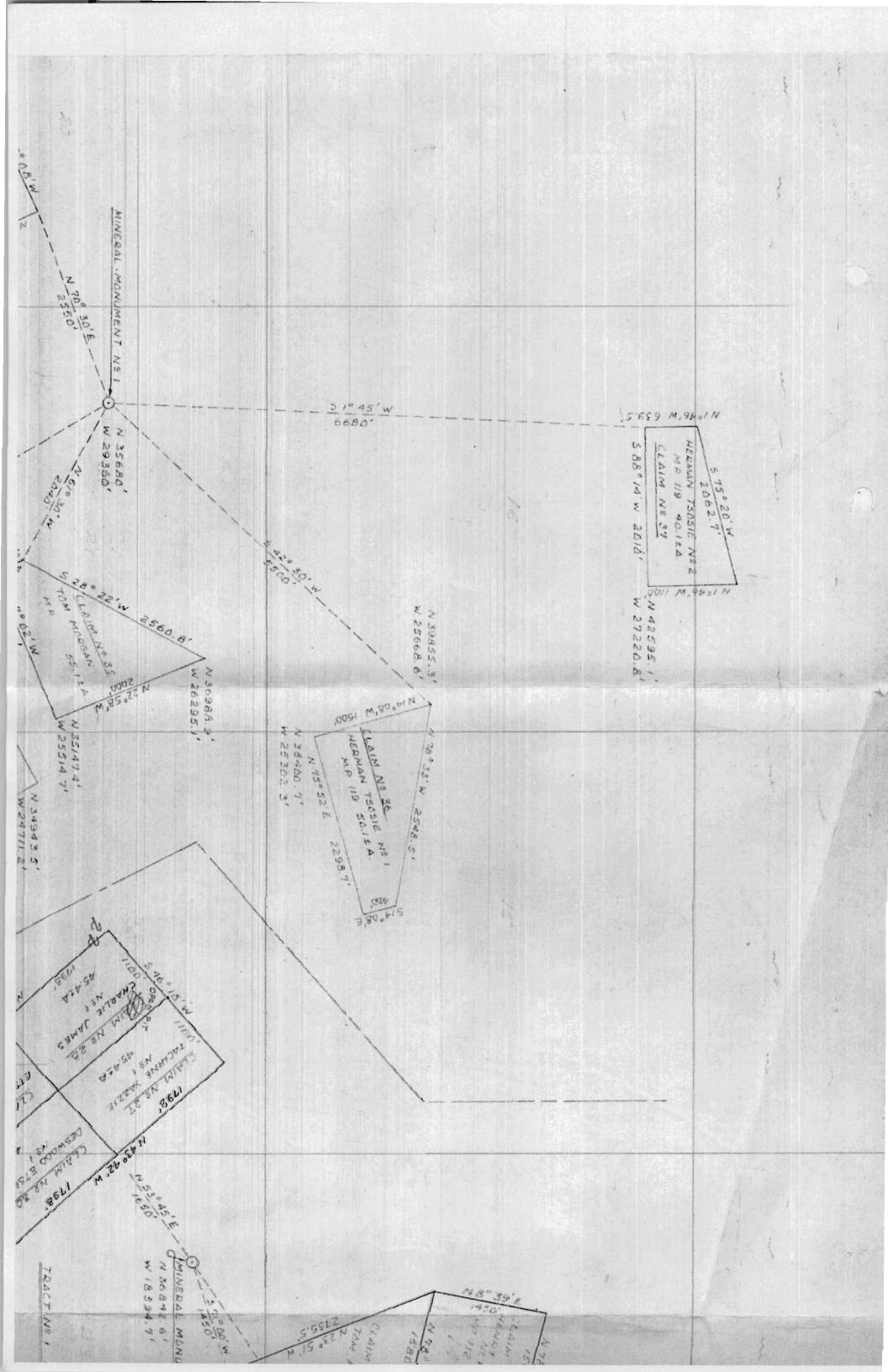
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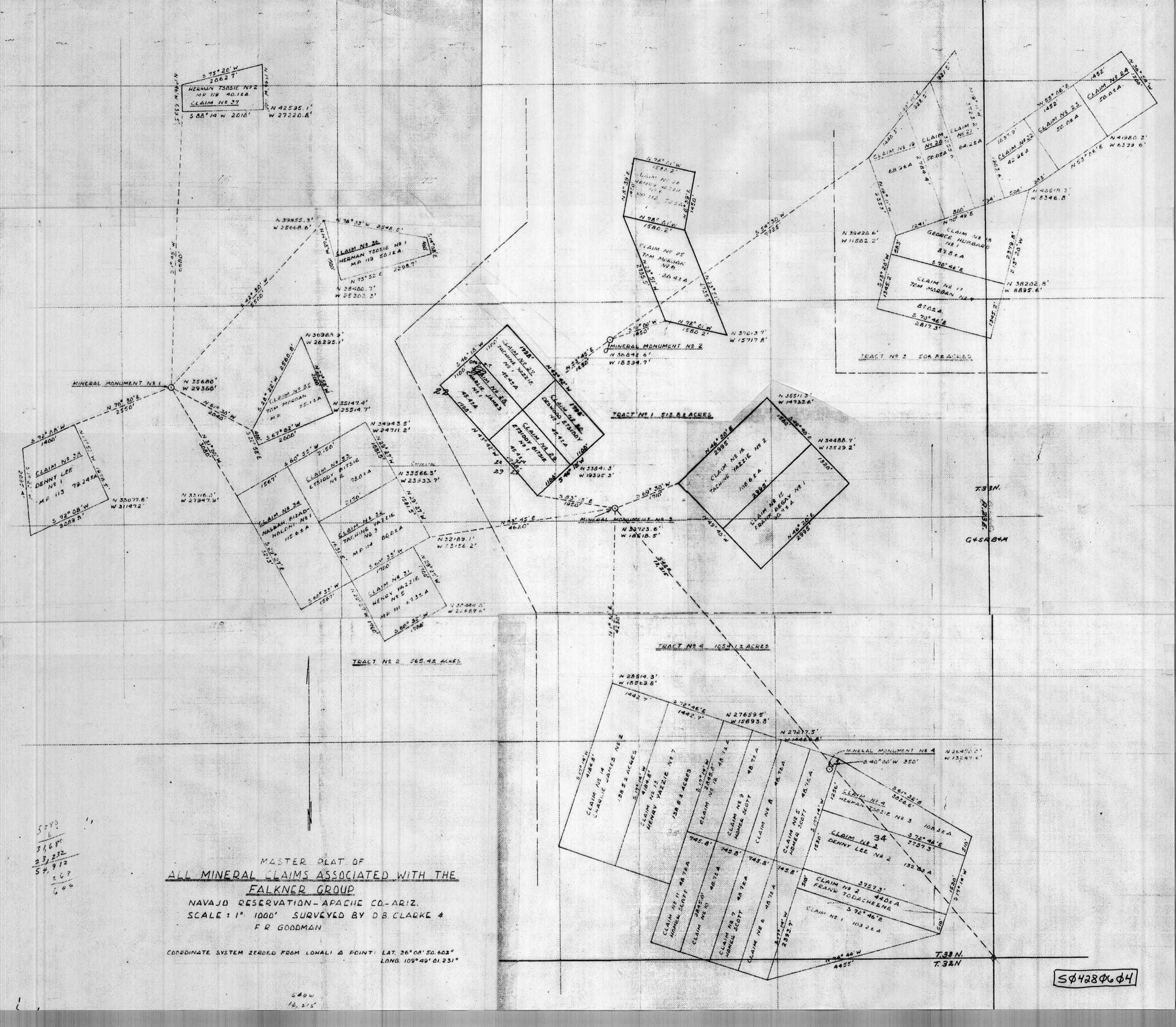
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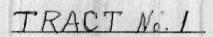








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# APACHE COUNTY ARIZONA

BLACK MOUNTAIN BID AREA

NAVAJO RESERVATION

DISTRICT 4 SCALE 1"= 1000"

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By alfred O. Brehmer, Sicy.

